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Negative Report Concerning Civil Defense Measures

1. [] there were no organized civil defense units in Czechoslovakia. Up to the time of his defection in September 1954 he had not seen or heard of any practice air alerts or any other type of civilian defense measures. He had never seen any literature, posters or other information anywhere concerning civil defense.

Possible Air Raid Shelters in Brno

[] several underground installations of some type dug into the sides of several hills in the city of Brno. Two of these installations were located near Husova Street at the foot of Spillberg Hill in Brno. Two more installations of the same type were located on the east side of another hill upon which stood Saint Peter's Cathedral.

Construction of these four installations was started in 1951, and they were all completed at about the same time in 1953. During the intervening time the people of Brno believed that some type of mining was taking place, since a large sign reading "Welcome Miners" was located near the construction area. However, [] nobody actually knew what was taking place there.

After the structures were completed in 1953, the doors to them were closed or locked permanently. Source never saw any activity near them, and he did not know the dimensions of the interiors or what their possible capacity was. He did notice that the doors were encased in thick concrete frames which were approximately two meters wide and three meters high. He thought that the doors themselves were made of wood.

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5. Nothing concerning these installations was ever made known to the public, but the consensus of public opinion was that they were air raid shelters. [redacted] did not believe that they were ammunition storehouses, since the roads leading up to them were not practicable for trucks or other vehicles and there were no railroads nearby.

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Possible Air Raid Shelters in Gottwaldov

6. [redacted] two similar installations in the suburbs of Gottwaldov. These shelters were still in the process of construction in July 1954 but the entrances themselves were completed and looked exactly like the entrances to the excavations in Brno. The two installations in Gottwaldov were located on the right side of the road which leads from Gottwaldov to Kudlov, a suburb of Gottwaldov, located approximately three kilometers south of the city. [redacted] there were no signs of any kind within Gottwaldov concerning these shelters, and he had never seen or heard of any organized civil defense instructions to the general public.

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